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SUBJECT: GOVERNING MAYOR MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR

REF: BONN 14874

1. SENAT OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ'S MEETING IN BONN SEPTEMBER 18 WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, AT WHICH STATE SECRETARY GAUS, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, AND EGON BAHR ALSO PRESENT, WAS TO INFORM SCHUETZ ABOUT RESULTS OF GAUS MEETING WITH SED CHIEF ERICH HONECKER SEPTEMBER 16.

2. SENAT CONFIRMED THAT HONECKER INDICATED POSSIBLE GDR WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE AMOUNT OF COMPULSORY CURRENCY-EXCHANGE FOR WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMAN VISITORS (ZWANGSUMTAUSCH) (REFTEL), APPARENTLY NOT NECESSARILY JUST FOR PENSIONERS. HONECKER ALSO SAID TO HAVE SUGGESTED GDR AMENABLE TO IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION LINKS BETWEEN FRG AND GDR (PRINCIPAL DESIDERATUM IS AUTOBAHN BETWEEN BERLIN AND HAMBURG). FROM PRESS SPECULATION AND SENAT COMMENTS, IT APPEARS THAT IN RETURN HONECKER WOULD EXPECT FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION INTERZONAL TRADE "SWING."

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3. SENAT KANZLEREI CHIEF HERZ TOLD MISSION OFFICER
SENAT IS AGAINST ANY LINKING OF ZWANGSUMTAUSCH WITH
SWING. SENAT BELIEVES GDR SHOULD UNILATERALLY REDUCE OR
ELIMINATE ZWANGSUMTAUSCH AS PRELIMINARY TO NEGOTIATIONS
ON EXTENSION SWING AGREEMENT. HERZ ALSO THOUGHT THAT
HONECKER MIGHT UNDERTAKE SUCH A UNILATERAL STEP, PERHAPS
IN CONNECTION WITH TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
OF GDR IN OCTOBER. COMMENT: WE THINK EMBASSY'S RELATION
OF POSSIBLE ACTION TO FORTHCOMING LAENDER ELECTIONS MAY BE
NEARER THE MARK.KLEIN

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